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has or has not received a QoS data frame including an Ack Policy field containing information indicating a NormalAck, releasing resource being used for transmission of the BlockAck.

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15. A receiving station simultaneously using both a NormalAck scheme and a BlockAck scheme in returning an Ack for a received data frame, said receiving station comprising:

10 timer; and

a timer control mechanism for resetting the timer upon receiving at least one of a data frame requesting the BlockAck scheme and a BlockAck request frame within a predetermined period; and

15 a resource control mechanism for regarding use of the BlockAck scheme as having been terminated and releasing resource being used for the BlockAck scheme when the timer has reaches a predetermined period.

20 16. (Amended) A communications program describing procedures which a computer undergoes to operate as the transmitting station of claim 1.

25 17. (Amended) A communications program describing procedures which a computer undergoes to operate as the

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receiving station of any one of claims 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, and 15.

18. A computer-readable storage medium containing the communications program of either one of claims 16 and 17.

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